

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen St W
Toronto, ON

December 3, 2025

RE: IE26.3 – Transform TO Net Zero Strategy: Action Plan (2026-2030)

To: Mayor Chow and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Schneider Electric Canada to show our support for Toronto's Building Emissions Performance Standards (BEPS).

A BEPS bylaw would mean better buildings across Toronto. Now is a critical moment to stimulate local economic opportunities in the construction sector, create value for building owners, and improve living conditions and affordability for tenants.

Buildings represent 59% of Toronto's emissions, and without BEPS, there is no viable path to meeting TransformTO climate targets. New builds and building retrofits can build on currently commercially available technology to reduce emissions.

Our business is ready to deliver services to support both new builds and the retrofit industry. But we rely on regulation to set the pace and scale we need to plan, invest, and ensure workforce and supply-chain readiness to support building owners in planning and implementing upgrades. A BEPS policy in Toronto provides the driver for growth and reliability that our local industry needs at a critical time.

We are sensitive to concerns regarding the potential impact on affordability. However, we are confident that by maximizing current funding and financing, and through coordination with other levels of government to provide additional strategic support for building owners and operators who are facing market challenges, those risks will be mitigated.

Toronto faces dual climate and fiscal challenges, and we see a well-designed BEPS as an opportunity to address both. We respectfully encourage Mayor Chow and the members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to continue consultations and work toward approving a BEPS bylaw by the second quarter of 2026.

Sincerely,



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